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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>03 May 2006</u>.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle,* 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,2,5-22,24-28 and 30-41* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,2,5-22,24-28 and 30-41* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This Office Action is in response to the communication received on 30 May 2006.

2.   Claims 3, 4, 23, 29 are cancelled.

3.   Claims 1-2, 5-22, 24-28, and 30-41 are presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

4.   Applicant's arguments and amendments filed on 30 May 2006 have been fully

considered but they are not deemed fully persuasive. Applicant's arguments are

deemed moot in view of the following new ground(s) of rejection as explained here

below, necessitated by Applicant's substantial amendment to the independent claims 1,

22, 27, which significantly affected the scope thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by
> another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent
> granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the
> applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section
> 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States
> only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2)
> of such treaty in the English language.

6.   Claims 1, 2, 5-22, 24-28 and 30-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being

anticipated by **Cohen** US patent application publication # **US 2003/0097331 A1**.

7.   As to claim 1, Cohen substantially teaches a method of retrieving electronic data

from a communications system, the method comprising:

establishing a connection *(establishing a secure connection)* between a client system *(webbank account owners)* and a host system *(Fig. 7, the metabank server system)* using a first account of a user *(a main account)*, the first account of the user being maintained by the host system *([0009], [0095], [0098], [0100])*;

determining of one or more additional accounts *(accounts and sub-accounts, like, saving account, checking account, money market account, investment account, bong account, credit card accounts, etc.)* maintained by the host system are associated with the user *(The account/subbaccounts and password identify the identity of the user to the website or webbank, and the authorized functions and clearances of the user, [0297], [0361]-[0365])*;

initiating a first communication session between the client system and the host system over the connection, the first communication session being associated with the first account of the user *(creating or generating a main account and associated sub-accounts, [0100]-[0110], [0361]-[0363])*;

based on a determination that one or more additional accounts maintained by the host system are associated with the user, automatically initiating, over the same connection between the client system and the host system, one or more additional communication sessions between the client system and the host system, the one or more additional communication sessions being associated with the one or more additional accounts associated with the user *([0221], [0278], [0279])*; and

for each of the one or more additional accounts, enabling a transfer of electronic data *(electronic transfer funds)* associated with each of the one or more additional

accounts to a corresponding designated destination in response to automatically initiating the one or more additional communication sessions between the client system and the host system *([0100]-[0110], [0221], [0278], [0279] ,[0361]-[0363])*.

8.   As to claim 2, Cohen discloses accessing electronic data associated with the first account of the user *([0100]-[0110], [0221], [0278], [0279], [0361]-[0363])*.

9.   As to claim 5, Cohen discloses, wherein accessing electronic data comprises retrieving email *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

10.   As to claim 6, Cohen discloses, enabling the transfer of electronic data comprises sending e-mail *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

11.   As to claim 7, Cohen discloses, enabling the transfer of electronic data comprises downloading one or more files *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

12.   As to claim 8, Cohen discloses, enabling the transfer of electronic data comprises retrieving messages posted on a message board *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

13.   As to claim 9, Cohen discloses, enabling the transfer of electronic data comprises posting messages to a message board *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

14.   As to claim 10, Cohen discloses wherein the first account and the one or more additional accounts comprise different screen names *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

15.   As to claim 11, Cohen discloses, wherein automatically initiating one or more additional communication sessions comprises automatically switching between the different screen names *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

16.   As to claim 12, Cohen discloses setting preferences for initiating the first communication session *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

17.   As to claim 13, Cohen discloses, wherein setting preferences comprises scheduling a time to initiate the first communication session *(his/her own daily, or weekly access scheduling, [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

18.   As to claim 14, Cohen discloses setting preferences for initiating the one or more additional communications sessions *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

19.   As to claim 15, Cohen discloses, wherein setting preferences comprises scheduling a time to automatically initiate the one or more additional communications session *([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465])*.

20.   As to claim 16, Cohen discloses setting different preferences for initiating the first communication session and for initiating the one or more additional communication sessions ([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

21.   As to claim 17, Cohen discloses, wherein the first communication session is initiated automatically ([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

22.   As to claim 18, Cohen discloses running the first communication session and the one or more additional communication sessions in parallel ([0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

23.   As to claim 19, Cohen discloses, wherein the user comprises a single member of an online service ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

24.   As to claim 20, Cohen discloses, wherein the user comprises multiple members of the online service ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

25.   As to claim 21, Cohen discloses, wherein the multiple members are related ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]).

26.   Claim 22 is corresponding computer readable medium claim of claim 1; therefore, it is rejected under the same rationale as in claim 1.

27.   Claims 24-26 are similar limitations of claims 5, 6, 7, 11; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale as in claims 5, 6, 7, 11.

28.   Claim 27 is corresponding apparatus claim of claim 1; therefore, it is rejected under the same rationale as in claim 1.

29.   As to claim 28, Cohen discloses, wherein automatically initiating comprises automatically initiating, over the same connection to the host system, the one or more additional communication sessions associated with the one or more additional accounts in response to a preference set by the user prior to initiation of the one or more additional communication sessions ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

30.   As to claim 30, Cohen discloses, wherein authentication information associated with the one or more additional accounts of the user may be used to enable access to the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

31.   As to claim 31, Cohen discloses, wherein authentication information associated with each of the one or more additional accounts may be used to enable access to the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

32.   As to claim 32, Cohen discloses, wherein authentication information associated with the first account and at least one of the one or more additional accounts may be used to enable access to the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

33. As to claim 33, Cohen discloses, wherein establishing the connection between the client system and the host system and initiating a first communication session between the client system and the host system over the connection occur automatically and without user manipulation ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

34. As to claim 34, Cohen discloses, wherein automatically initiating, over the same connection between the client system and the host system, one or more additional communication sessions between the client system and the host system, occurs automatically and without user manipulation ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

35. As to claim 35, Cohen discloses, automatically synchronizing data (daily or weekly updating) related to the first account of the user or the one or more additional accounts of the user wherein, prior to synchronization, the data related to the first account of the user or the one or more additional accounts of the user was stored on only one of the client system or the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

36. As to claim 36, Cohen disclose sending an e-mail message written using the client system when the client system was not connected to the host system, retrieving from the host system an unread e-mail message, posting a message to a newsgroup or message board that was written using the client system when the client system was not connected to the host system, and retrieving from the host system a message to a

newsgroup or message board *([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284],*

[0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0397], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

37.   As to claim 37, Cohen discloses, wherein automatically synchronizing data

related to each of several accounts associated with the user *([0095], [0136], [0147],*

[0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278],

[0279]).   •

38.   As to claim 38, Cohen disclose, wherein: the host system is a network access

service provider *(The metabank server)* that provides network access service to enable

the user to access systems *(the banking systems)* other than the host system, the first

account corresponds to a first e-mail account of the user provided by the host system,

and one of the one or more additional accounts corresponds to an additional e-mail

account provided by the host system *([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277],*

[0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

39.   As to claim 39, Cohen disclose, wherein, the host system is a network access

service provider that provides network access service to enable the user to access

systems other than the host system *([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277],*

[0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]),

        the first account corresponds to a first screen name for an instant messaging

service provided by the host system *([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277],*

[0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]), and

one of the one or more additional accounts corresponds to an additional screen name ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

40. As to claim 40, Cohen disclose wherein the host system is a network access service provider that provides network access service to enable the user to access systems other than the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]),

one of the first account or at least one of the one or more additional accounts corresponds to a screen name for an instant messaging service provided by the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]), and

other of the first account of the user or the at least one of the one or more additional accounts of the user correspond to an e-mail account provided by the host system ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279]).

41. As to claim 41, Cohen disclose, automatically initiating at least one of the one or more additional communication sessions when the user is not present at the client system (the metabank still automatically opens its session even though the user logged out or left his/her webbank until the user login his/her own webbank, ([0095], [0136], [0147], [0192], [0274], [0277], [0284], [0295], [0298], [0348], [0350], [0465]; [0221], [0278], [0279])).

42.   Further references of interest are cited on Form PTO-892, which is an

attachment to this action.

Conclusion

43.   Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in

this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37

CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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